



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q80694

Tsutomu TAKAYAMA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/811,977

Group Art Unit: 3729

Confirmation No.: 3001

Examiner: Rick Kilatae CHANG

Filed: March 30, 2004

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS OF DETERMINING ACCEPTABILITY OF PRESS  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES  
REQUIREMENT**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2006, in which the Examiner set a shortened statutory period for response by one month, making a reply due on or before October 23, 2006 (one-month extended due October 21, 2006, which was a Saturday).

In the Action, the Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following:

*Group I - Claims 1-3, 16 and 18-20, drawn to a method; and*

*Group II - Claims 4-15, 17 and 21-26, drawn to an apparatus.*

Applicants hereby elects Group I, drawn to claims 1-3, 16 and 18-20, drawn to a method without traverse.

Response to Restriction Requirement and  
Election of Species Requirement  
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Furthermore, since Applicants have elected Group I, Applicants have the following  
Species in which to elect:

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| <i>Group I</i>   | - | <i>Claims 1-2 and 18-20, drawn to inserting a</i> |
| <i>detector;</i> |   |   |
| <i>Group II</i>  | - | <i>Claim 3, drawn to inserting the wire; and</i>  |
| <i>Group III</i> | - | <i>Claim 16, drawn to acquiring an outer</i>      |
| <i>shape.</i>    |   |   |


Applicants further elect Species Group II (claim 3, drawn to inserting the wire) without  
traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that a complete examination on the merits is  
now in order. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a personal or telephone interview would be helpful, she is  
kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue  
Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any  
overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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